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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6813

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FOR EB/OCA/REP

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: CERP REPORTING

REFS: (A) STATE 027292 (B) STATE A-856

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S ACCEPTANCE CHANGE IN DUE DATE FOR ECONOMIC TRENDS REPORT AND CHANGE IN FREQUENCY FROM SEMIANNUAL TO ANNUAL PER REFTEL.

2. EMBASSY AGREES TRACK RECORD FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CERP SCHEDULE WAS MARGINAL DURING CY 1973 BUT BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT BY CITING FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THIS MARGINAL PERFORMANCE. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, ABRUPT CHANGE IN AFGHAN GOVERNMENT IN JULY 1973 WAS PRECEDED AND FOLLOWED BY COMPLETE CHANGE-OVER IN ECONOMIC STAFF PERSONNEL WITH NO RPT NO OPPORTUNITY FOR ORIENTATION TWO EXTANT OFFICERS SERVING IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION. REMAINING ECONOMIC OFFICER ASSIGNED THIS SECTION WAS DETAILED TO POLITICAL SECTION BEFORE JULY COUP AND HAS NOT RPT NOT SERVED IN ECONOMIC SECTION SINCE THAT TIME.

3. ON SEPARATE QUESTION OF PRIORITY SUBMISSION CERP 0003, MONTHLY ECONOMIC REVIEW, CHECK EMBASSY FILES REVEALS REPORT WAS SUBMITTED ONCE DURING CY 1973 (KABUL A-17, MARCH 17, 1973) AND HAS, IN PAST, BEEN SUBMITTED PERIODICALLY AS INFO ACCU-
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MULATED RATHER THAN MONTHLY AS PRESENTLY REQUIRED. BASED ON

PAST RECORD SUBMISSION AND LIMITED AVAILABILITY INFO TO PREPARE
MONTHLY REPORT, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DUE DATE FOR CERP 0003
BE CHANGED TO AS AVAILABLE IN KEEPING WITH DEPT. REPAIR,
PAGE FOUR, PARA ONE.

4. AS ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT IF DEPAR-
TMENT DESIRES EMBASSY WILL REFERENCE CERP ON ALL ECONOMIC
TELEGRAPHIC REPORTING TO DEPT. EMBASSY BELIEVES MANY OF
CERP REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN FULFILLED DURING PAST SIX MONTHS
VIA TELEGRAPHIC REPORTING WITHOUT CITING CERP. EMBASSY IS
ATTEMPTING MEET REPORTING STANDARDS OUTLINED BY SECRETARY
KISSINGER IN STATE 209583, OCTOBER 24, 1973, ESPECIALLY
DESIRE FOR MORE ANALYTICAL REPORTING AND LESS EMPHASIS ON
PURE NUTS AND BOLTS
SUBMISSIONS.

5. IN SUM, EMBASSY WILL STRIVE MEET CERP REQUIREMENTS WITHIN PRESENT
LOCAL POLITICAL AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL CONSTRAINTS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: A. DEPT. APPROVE CHANGE IN DUE DATE
FREQUENCY FOR SUBMISSION CERP 0003.

B. DEPT. RESPOND TO EMBASSY QUERY RE CITATION
CERP NOMENCLATURE ON EMBASSY TELEGRAPHIC REPORTING ON ECONOMIC
SUBJECTS.
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